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Bureau letter to Assistant Attorney General, dated 10/8/68;
Miami airtel to the Bureau, dated 10/3/68; Bureau airtel
to Miami, dated 9/25/68; Miami letter and enclosed LHM
both dated 9/25/68; Miami teletype to Bureau, dated 9/23/68;
and Miami letter and enclosed LHM, both dated 9/19/68.

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- 1 - Norfolk (Enc 1) (Info) (RM)
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Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, State

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By R/S For Info

Date 10-25-68

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Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two of these copies are for transmittal to Legat, Mexico, along with two photographs of FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, aka Frank Fiorini, leader of captioned organization. Enclosed for New York and San Antonio are two copies each of enclosed LHM. One copy each of enclosed LHM is being enclosed for the Newark and Norfolk offices as these offices may later be requested to conduct investigation in this matter.

Copies of enclosed LHM have been locally disseminated by the Miami Office to the following agencies:

CIA, Miami; INS, Miami; U.S. Coast Guard, Miami; USAFAD, Miami Springs; U.S. Border Patrol, Miami; U.S. Secret Service, Miami; OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia, U.S. Customs (Miami and Region II); 111th M.I. Group, Orlando; NISO, 6 ND, Charleston, South Carolina; and Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Miami.

INS F-1 Lookout Notices have been placed by the Miami Office regarding FIORINI under his present legal name, FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS, and under FRANK ANGELO FIORINI, his birth certificate name and the name by which most of his associates know him. As it generally takes several months for a Lookout Notice to be fully distributed to INS Border Offices, a 90-day emergency notification request regarding FIORINI was telephonically placed by the Miami Office with INS, International Airport, Miami, on 10/14/68, it being noted that FIORINI reportedly indicated several weeks ago that he would shortly fly to Venezuela and from there proceed to Mexico.

MM T-1 in enclosed LHM is PEDRO LUIS DIAZ LANZ (protect by request), former head of the Revolutionary Cuban Air Force under CASTRO and a long-time associate of FIORINI. DIAZ LANZ has been cooperative in the past regarding Cuban matters and is being considered for PSI development.

MM T-2 is (MM [1289] S) (C) (X) (X)

The enclosed LHM is classified confidential because it contains information from MM T-2, a source of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in his identity and thereby compromise his future effectiveness.

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On 10/10/68, ED ANDERSON, CIA Covert, Miami, advised that FRANK FIORINI is not of operational interest to CIA and that no information is available concerning the current activities of FIORINI. ~~X~~ U

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On 10/11/68, FRANK ALATONE, USAFAD, Hialeah, Florida, telephonically advised that he had sent a carbon copy of referenced 9/19/68 LHM to the USAFAD Station in Puerto Rico, inasmuch as CARLOS PRIO, ex-President of Cuba mentioned in referenced LHM, is of operational interest to that station. ALATONE indicated that FRANK FIORINI is not of operational interest to USAFAD. He further advised that he had no information concerning the present activities of FIORINI.

MM 1312-C, who, as previously advised, was contacted by FIORINI as to whether he would be interested in joining the IACB on an expedition to Central America, has been unable to determine more information regarding this expedition. He will attempt to obtain full details regarding any implementation of the above proposed expedition when next able to contact FIORINI.

On 10/17/68, STEVE CZUKAS, Agent, U.S. Customs, Miami, advised that his office's source regarding FIORINI and the IACB had been to date unable to furnish any information regarding the current whereabouts of FIORINI or current IACB activity. CZUKAS felt that information would be available from the source upon the return of FIORINI to his residence and employment.

The following Miami Office informants were unable to furnish any information concerning the present whereabouts of FIORINI or current IACB activity:

MM 776-S
10/3/68
SA PETER J. NERO

MM 639-S
10/7/68
SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER

MM 635-S
10/7/68
SA ROBERT JAMES DWYER

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MM 2-192

(c) ~~MM 1109-S~~ (c)
10/10/68
SA ROBERT G. STRONG

MM 492-S
10/14/68
SA JAMES D. HAYES

(c) ~~MM 1266-S~~ (c)
10/14/68
SA SAMUEL W. JONES

Legat, Mexico was previously requested to alert Mexican authorities regarding possible presence in Mexico of FIORINI's group. Photographs and a description of FIORINI were thereafter provided Legat, Mexico for dissemination to Mexican authorities. Legat, Mexico is requested to also contact, if not already done, appropriate Guatemalan authorities and U.S. representatives in Guatemala regarding the possible presence of FIORINI and members of his group in Guatemala. An additional two sets of photographs of FIORINI are enclosed for the assistance of Legat, Mexico. (u)

San Antonio is requested to place emergency F-1 stops for FIORINI under the names FRANK ANTHONY STURGIS and FRANK ANGELO FIORINI with appropriate INS Border Posts in its division, it being noted that a source previously reported that IACB members would drive into Mexico through Matamoras, which Mexican border town is located near Brownsville, Texas.

The New York Office is requested to contact, using a suitable pretext, DOLORES COLON, 327 Fillmore Street, Statan Island, New York, regarding present whereabouts of her brother, MAXIMILLION "MAX" GONZALEZ, reportedly a IACB officer.

Miami, at Vero Beach, Florida, will maintain contact with Detective Lieutenant CARL PEASE and with Mrs. MARGARET ANDERSON regarding the indicated return to the Vero Beach area of MICKIE ROLAND SAPP and JAMES WALTER WELLS. Attempts should be made to interview, as possible subjects, SAPP and WELLS upon their return. If they are cooperative, detailed information should be obtained concerning the present IACB mission and the activities of FRANK FIORINI in this mission, along with those of anyone else involved in this matter.

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